**Trench 17, Gallipoli**

**17th of March 1915**

**Dear Mum, Dad, Arriah, and Oscar.**

**I got your last letters but they were both delayed. They were dated the 23/11.The last letters before them were around the 24/9, so you can tell how much they have been delayed. It was nice to hear that Grandad was getting better and then the next day he was chasing the birds next door. That’s my Grandad. Please give him my best wishes. It was also nice to her that Arriah had a baby Girl. I love the name Elisha Jane! Can you please buy her a gift and say it was from me. Also give her a big kiss and cuddle.**

**I am being timed to write this. I am running out of time. Sorry about my handwriting, I have been looking for a pen everywhere no one has one! Greg and I are playing cards while waiting for the rain to stop. Around us are thousands of wounded men. There are pistols shooting 24/7.There is lots of sand, Hills, and men. The boss is yelling and screaming at everyone.**

**I have been training 24/7 haven’t stopped since 1 am in the morning. I have been running up and down sand dunes and have sand in my nostrils and have heaps in my mouth. I have headaches from all the yelling the boss has been doing.**

**Monday evening one of my best mates, Greg got killed by a coy while trying to attack them. Later that evening a bomb was thrown into the trench it wiped out 20 men and more. They were shooting us like mad, 1, and 2,3,4,5 in like 3 seconds. Can you please give Greg’s family my best wishes and tell them that they should be very proud of him.**

**Me and my other best mate are playing cards before we go out but it’s still a while till we gout but I want to play cards because it might be the last time I ever play cards, so I want to make it worth it. One of my other friends is going out now, I hope he comes back.**

**Well that’s all I have to say now, I will talk to you later when I’m at base camp.**

**From your loving daughter,**

**Siobhan.**

**PS- I am missing Oscar when he tackles me and Arriah when he steals my make – up. Love you all. Especially you MUM!! Xxxx**x